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MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR, U. S. BUREAU OF THE BUDGET

SUBJECT: Comments on Report of the President's Communications Policy Board

1. I wish to acknowledge receipt of the report of the President's Communications Policy Board and submit herein my comments as you have requested.

2. The need for a top level telecommunications agency is clearly indicated in the report and such a board is essential if the four major questions posed by the Board are to be resolved. The recommendations of this Board are also consistent with an ultimate solution to the dilemma posed by the Soviet preparation for electromagnetic warfare as noted in my memorandum of 25 January 1951.

3. The functions of the proposed Telecommunications Advisory Board as outlined in the report appear to be adequate for the solution to the telecommunications problem. Augmentation of this board with the necessary staffs for planning and supervision of operational electromagnetic warfare activities would make it possible to establish an adequate program for this purpose also.

4. Location of the proposed Board in the Executive Office of the President is logical in that the Board will be required to carry out the planning and executive functions of the President in both the domestic and the international field on telecommunications. If the augmented staffs noted above are provided for, I believe that the structure of the

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proposed agency as recommended in the report is consistent with an ultimate solution to the telecommunications problems.

5. The manner in which the proposed agency would operate with respect to other telecommunication agencies, particularly IRAC and the Telecommunications Coordinating Committee appears to be compatible with their missions. In effect, the Telecommunications Advisory Board would insure coordination of all U. S. activities in the telecommunications field and stimulate research and development in order to insure the maximum effectiveness of the U. S. telecommunications system.

(for signature of DCI)

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